

WI-375  
Jones-Shivers Farm  
Allen vicinity  
Private

c. 1898

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## MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Jones-Shivers Farm

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-375

## MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore
3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Industrial-Urban Dominance  
1870-1930
4. Resource Type(s): Single-family dwelling  
Barn

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-375

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Jones-Shivers Farm

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 26666 Cottman Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Allen ☒ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Adkins

street & number 26666 Cottman Road telephone no.:

city, town Eden state and zip code Maryland 21822

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 66, P. 25  
liber 1317

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 464

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Jones-Shivers farm is located at 26666 Cottman Road on the southwest side of the village of Allen, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story cross-gabled frame house faces east with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1898, the two-and-a-half story, center hall frame dwelling is supported on a continuous brick foundation, and the exterior is uniformly sheathed with vinyl siding. A steeply pitched gable roof of asphalt shingles covers the main block as well as the two-story rear service wing. Joining the house on this site is a large gable roofed frame barn that dates from the turn of the twentieth century as well.

The east (main) facade is an asymmetrical four-bay elevation with a center entrance and flanking six-over-six sash replacement windows. The first story is sheltered by a shed roofed, Tuscan columned porch featuring a center cross-gable entrance hood. The gable roof is supported by chamfered braces, and it features a sawnwork decorated eave. A turned baluster handrail stretches between the porch columns. The second floor is defined by replacement windows as well. Centered on the roof is a steeply pitched cross gable pierced by a pointed arch three-over-two sash window. The pointed arch has a slight cornice molding. The edge of the roof is extended and trimmed with a delicate sawnwork decoration in the peak of the cross gable. The face of the gable front is covered with a layer of fishscale shingles. Piercing the roofline is a pair of single flue brick chimney stacks topped with corbeled caps.

The gable ends are relatively plain with replacement windows lighting the first and second floors along with the attic. The gable end is finished with an extended eave and an open soffit.

Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story, two-bay service wing that is extended on the north and south sides by shed roofed additions. A shed roofed porch supported on turned posts extends from the south side while an enclosed shed roofed addition is attached to the north side. The north side section has been extended with a modern car port addition. Rising through the gable end is a single flue brick chimney topped by a corbeled cap.

The interior was not seen.

Standing behind the house is a large gable-roofed frame barn that been converted into an alternative use for housing and grooming personal pets.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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The Jones-Shivers farmhouse is a distinctive example of late nineteenth century farm architecture retaining a several important characteristics. It deserves listing in *Category B*, which identifies buildings that should be preserved due to their architectural merit.

<sup>1</sup> Wicomico County Land Record, SPT 1/467, 10 July 1875.

<sup>2</sup> Wicomico County Land Record, IDT 179/479, 21 March 1933.



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Jones-Shivers Farm  
26666 Cottman Road  
Allen, Wicomico County, Maryland  
Chain of title

Map 66, Parcel 25

1317/464 Ephaim Adkins

to

10/7/1992 Paul W. Adkins

33.61 acres, plat by Chris D. Custis, 8/3/1992

A J S 989/246 John M. Buchness  
Natalie E. Buchness

to

4/25/1983 Ephraim Adkins

\$135,000 56.68 acres

JWTS 799/445 Rose L. Shivers

to

9/5/1973 John M. Buchness  
Natalie E. Buchness

IDT 179/479 Roscoe Jones  
Kate P. Jones

to

3/21/1933 Rose L. Shivers

60 acres

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Chain of title continued

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Will Book  
MNN 1/53

Last Will and Testament of John W. Jones

to

8/23/1916

Roscoe Jones

SPT 5/428

Levin P. Phoebus

to

6/12/1883

John W. Jones

SPT 1/467

Louis W. Morris

to

7/10/1875

John W. Jones  
Levin P. Phoebus

Decree of Circuit Court, February Term 1872

“Mountsham” and “Dashiell’s Lott”



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Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas  
1877





WI-375  
 Jones-Shivers Farm  
 Eden, Maryland Quadrangle  
 1983

42'30"

'39

(PRINCESS ANNE)

5860 II NW

SCALE 1:24 000

METERS

PRINCESS ANNE 64 AM

ROCKMARE 07/11/81

40'

42'